

**REMARKS**

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-16, 18-28, and 30. However, the Examiner indicated that the formal drawings were not acceptable based on the failure of Fig. 7 to include a specific reference numeral. In response, Applicant has amended Fig. 7 to include the reference number 240 therein. Entry of the drawings into the application is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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FIG. 6A

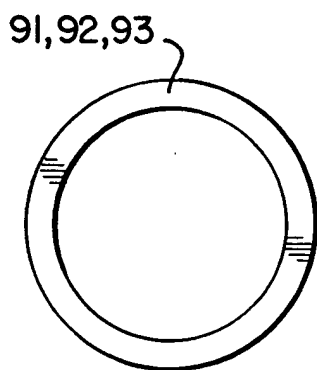
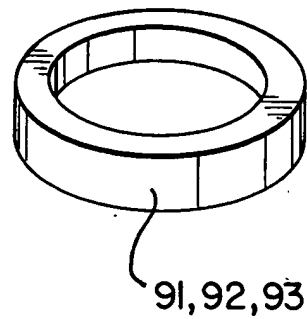


FIG. 6B

